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Classified By: DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Pol/Econ Chief February 26 delivered reftel request for Bahrain to join the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said that he had already received information about the Initiative from another source, possibly the Bahraini mission to the UN, and that he was studying it. He commented that the Initiative did not sound like it was "too far" from the Proliferation Security Initiative, which Bahrain joined in June 2006. He asked if the USG had looked into whether the two programs are complementary, and whether the same countries are involved in both. He promised to give his feedback after reviewing the Statement of Principles.

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